

Asiatic Expedition Brings Back Valued Geological Specimens from Mongolia

PEKING, Nov. 25.—The skull of the biggest mammal on record, the egg of a prehistoric bird who must have had a wing spread of twenty feet, and information which will revolutionize the geological conception of Northern Asia, if not the world, are some of the finds brought back by Roy Chapman Andrews, leader of the "Third Asiatic Expedition" five months in the wilds of Mongolia. This exploration, undertaken for the Museum of Natural History, bids fair to be one of the greatest scientific achievements in modern history. The "missing link" has not been discovered, but information is on hand which may finally solve the mystery of man's origin.

A fossil field, perhaps the largest in the world, has been located, rich in specimens which have not been touched. The expedition made only the hastiest kind of an investigation, contenting itself with mapping the places later to be worked, and next spring, with a fresh start. It is expected that some truly remarkable discoveries will be forthcoming.

Remains of several animals were unearthed which belong to species hitherto unknown.

Gigantic skull found.

Professor Walter Granger, chief of the Paleontology Department, made the real find of the trip in the complete skull of a balaenotherium,

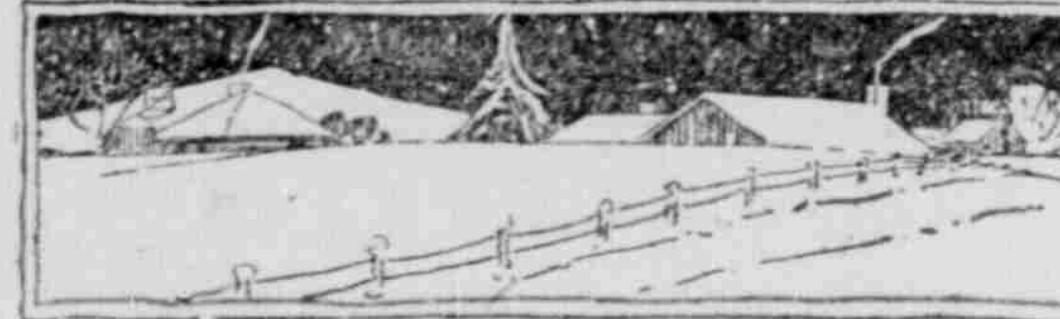
a prehistoric mammal about twice the size of an elephant. Ten years ago a fragment of the foot was discovered by an English explorer, but the nature of the rest of the animal was pure conjecture. Besides the skull, there were other parts of the skeleton. The animal itself was at least twenty-five feet long, and fifteen feet high. It was the "king" of the land, and must have been the "king" of beasts.

This day, putting the dimensions to flight by its greater intelligence,皇室的 supremacy was about two million years ago in the miocene period.

Incidentally, several dinosaurs were found, including two complete skeletons. This is remarkable, since up to this time no trace of the giant reptiles has ever been found north of the Himalayas. Many other interesting traces of remains had to be left for lack of time, as the object of the first visit was only that of reconnaissance. During the next few years the areas mapped will be worked thoroughly and should be productive of positive data about that mysterious ancestor of ours, the "missing link."

Made Long Trip.

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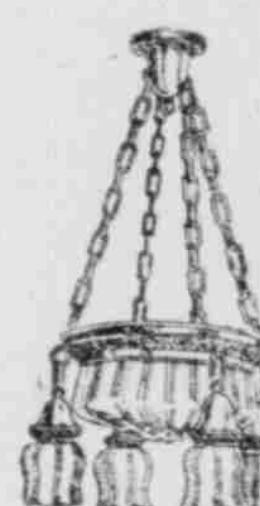
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"And so must Grandpa Geesey," laughed Jackie Bow Wow.

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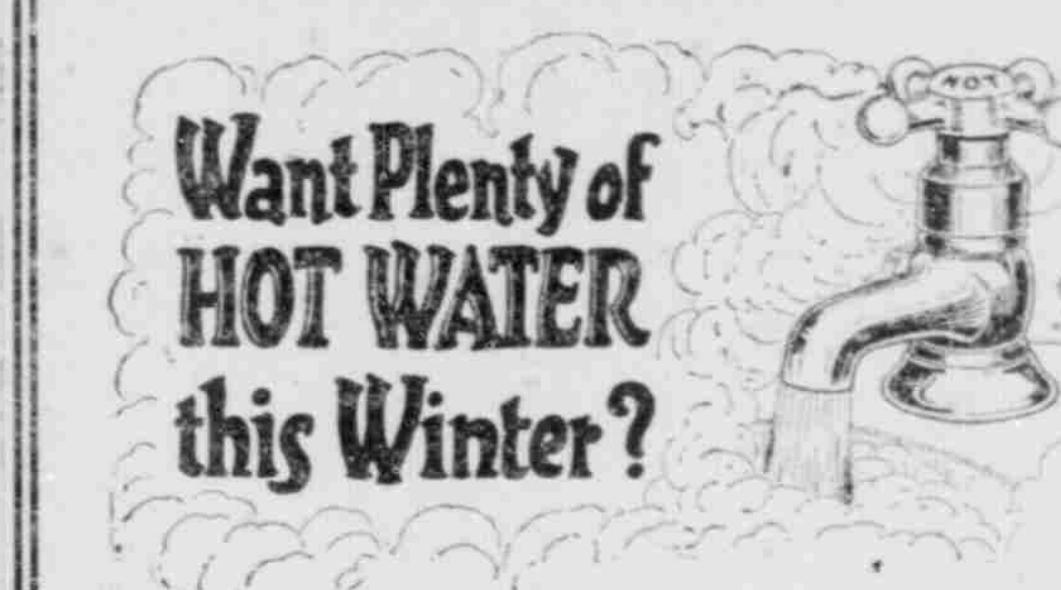
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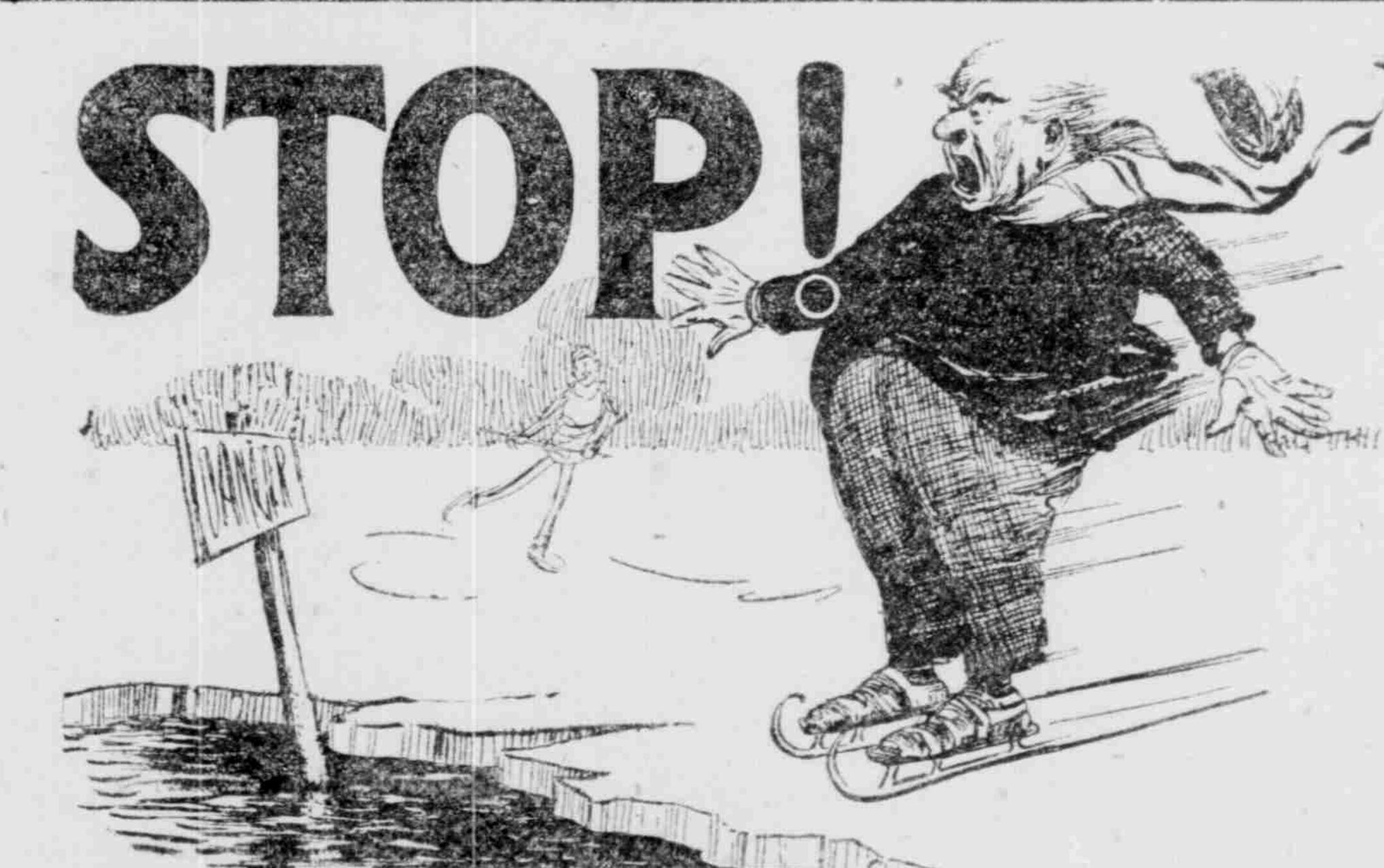
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